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John E. Hipple, a prominent representative of journalistic interests in South Dakota, is the well known editor of the *Capital-Journal* at Pierre and also publishes several other papers. His birth occurred in Perry County, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of July, 1865, his parents being **Oliver F.** and **Mary E. Hipple**. He is a descendant of the **Ball, George Washington** and **Custer** families. His education was acquired in the common schools, and the entire period of his business career has been spent in the journalistic field. He came to Dakota in the winter of 1879, settling in the then Armstrong County, now Hutchinson County, remaining on the farm with his mother until 1886, when he engaged in newspaper work as a partner in *The Dakota City Advance*, which was later changed to the *Parkston Advance* on the advent of the railroad from Scotland to Mitchell. He came to Pierre, establishing the State Publishing Company in 1898, and in 1903, retired from that company and started the **Hipple** Printing Company, taking over the daily and weekly *Capital-Journal* in 1905. His connection with the printing business in South Dakota has included the law publications as well as newspaper and general job printing. His labors have been of far reaching effect. The press has not only recorded the history of advancement, but has also ever been the leader in the work of progress and improvement—the vanguard of civilization. The philosopher of some centuries ago proclaimed the truth that "the pen is mightier than the sword," and the statement is continually being verified in the affairs of life. In molding public opinion the power of the newspaper cannot be estimated, but at all events its influence is greater than that of any other single agency.

On the 11th of November, 1896, in Ashton, South Dakota, **Mr. Hipple** was united in marriage to **Miss Ruth Bowman**, a daughter of **S. W. Bowman**, who was a pioneer settler of Wisconsin and South Dakota. Our subject and his wife have two children, **Robert B.** and **James B.**

Mr. Hipple is a republican in politics and served in both town and township offices at Parkston, South Dakota, while from 1893 until 1896 he held the office of state auditor, making a splendid record in that connection. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity and a member of the Capital City Commandery, K. T., and served as grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons in South Dakota during the year 1909. His other fraternal connections are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Modern Woodmen, and he is held in high esteem by his brethren of those organizations.

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